

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the above-identified application. With this Amendment, claims 10 and 20 were amended and claims 22-23 were added. No claims were cancelled. Based on a required election, claims 1-9, 14-19 and 21 are being withdrawn without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 10-13, 20 and 22-23 are at issue.

Applicants would like to point out the existence of the co-pending applications Ser. Nos. 10/412,008, filed April 11, 2003 and 11/072,085, filed March 3, 2005.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments, Applicants submit that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully request early and favorable notification to that effect.

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